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1. Between 25 October and 2 November 1950, the Fritsch Kaserne in Schwerin (H 54/T 46) quartered about 800 troops, some buildings being only lightly occupied. About 85 percent of the troops wore red-bordered black epaulets, some with artillery insignia. The remaining personnel wore black epaulets, some with signal insignia. Six 60-man units left the installation for field training on 25 October. Twelve soldiers with telephone equipment went to the training area on 27 October. Signal troops were quartered only in the southern section of the barracks installation.

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2. On 28 and 29 October, the Hindenburg Kaserne on Guestrower Strasse was only lightly occupied by soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Troops of about company strength were observed drilling. Five details, each of about 20 soldiers were engaged in fatigue duty. About one third of the windows in the installation were lighted in the evening. Trucks were in the garages.

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3. Between 25 October and 2 November, the Moltke Kaserne and the Krueger Kaserne on Ludwigsluster Chaussee were only lightly occupied. About one third of the windows of both installations were lighted in the evening. There was no training activity. About 20 trucks, apparently new, stood in front of the closed garages of the Moltke Kaserne. (3)

4. On the evening of 26 October, a unit of three platoons, each numbering about 60 troops, marched into the Adolf Hitler Kaserne on Ludwigsluster Chaussee, while about half of the barracks windows were lighted.

5. The Goerries airfield was occupied by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. The hangars were surrounded by a high board fence.

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6. On the evening of 26 October, 60 to 80 percent of the windows in the Hindenburg Kaserne were lighted. Between 25 October and 3 November, steady traffic between this installation and a building on Kaete-Kollwitz-Strasse was observed, both installations being connected by wires. [redacted] the building on Kaete-Kollwitz-Strasse housed a headquarters. Soldiers entering the barracks installation wore red-bordered black epaulets, with artillery and signal insignia, and black epaulets. [redacted]

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7. About 80 percent of the windows of the Fritsch Kaserne were lighted in the evening of 26 October. [redacted]

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8. According to local residents, a division headquarters was located in the former DAF (German Labor Front) building, Puesserkrug. [redacted]

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9. The arsenal building was allegedly occupied by Military Merchandise Section No 11, which served the districts of Schwerin, Wismar and Hagenow. The district of Herik, which had formerly also been controlled by Military Merchandise Section No 11, now belonged to Military Merchandise Section No 10 in Rostock, which was headed by a guards major. [redacted]

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11. Between 21 and 27 October 1950, the Fritsch Kaserne quartered Arty Unit commanded by Major Gribanov, (fnu). (7)

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12. Lieutenant Colonel Kirishinko, (fnu), commanding officer [redacted] in the Moltke Kaserne, was transferred to the U.S.S.R. on 20 October. He was succeeded by Lieutenant Colonel Chich (phonetic spelling), (fnu), whose previous assignment could not be determined. (8)

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13. The Soviet Officers' Club in the Schwerin city hall was run by Colonel Barnet, (fnu) [redacted]

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14. The officer school in the former girl's high school on Goethestrasse [redacted] was a college for political science, including foreign language classes. The duration of a course was 18 months. Among the students were eight Soviet women from the Schwerin post. (9)

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15. On 21 October, an additional company was transferred to the ammunition depot in Sternbuchholz, bringing the number of companies stationed there to three. (10)

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Comments:

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- (1) [redacted] the Fritsch Kaserne was not occupied to capacity at the end of October and the beginning of November. It is believed that some elements of both the headquarters units of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps and elements of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, which are stationed there, were absent from the post at that time.

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- [redacted] the installation [redacted] occupied to capacity on 17 October. [redacted] 25X1

- (2) The Hindenburg Kaserne was last reported to be occupied to capacity by about 1,000 to 1,200 troops in late August. [redacted] The present report indicates that the installation was even more lightly occupied in late October. 25X1

- (3) The Moltke Kaserne and the Krueger Kaserne, which are situated side by side, are occupied in part by the 74th (?) Tank SP Regt and artillery components of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps. The present report indicates that the installations were only lightly occupied.

- (4) Since the Hq 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div was also reported [redacted] to be located in the former DAF building, it is considered confirmed in Schwerin up to 3 November 1950. 25X1

- (5) The arsenal building in Schwerin is situated at the southwestern tip of Pfaffenteich. According to previous report, another military merchandise section [redacted] was located on Bismarckstrasse.

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(6) [redacted]

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- (7) Compare with a report of June 1950 [redacted]

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- (8) [redacted] the 74th (?) Tank SP Regt of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div in Schwerin up to 27 October 1950. The regimental commander has not been determined. [redacted]

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- (9) [redacted] it is believed that both the officers' club and the college for political science are subordinate to the corps headquarters.

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- (10) Compare with information [redacted] on 2 September 1950.

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